

King County's Post-Construction Restoration Plans

King County is replacing the North Mercer Interceptor pipe to provide safe and reliable wastewater treatment service. Because some damage to existing facilities is unavoidable when replacing an underground sewer pipe, King County is working closely with the City of Mercer Island and appropriate agencies to plan for any necessary repair. King County will complete the following activities to fully restore the work site.

Wetland protection

January – April 2007

King County's wetland biologist is advising the project management team on methods to minimize impacts on the wetland in south Luther Burbank Park. King County is taking the following precautions:

- Limiting the project "footprint". The work site includes less than one acre of wetland.
- Using erosion control measures. Installing silt fence and curtains maintains wetland water quality during bad weather.
- Maintaining surface water quality. The contractor is monitoring water pumped from excavated pits and trenches for sediment levels. Only water matching surface water quality will be discharged into the wetland. Water with more sediment than the existing surface water will be directed to the sewer system.

Wetland restoration

September – November 2007

King County will restore the disturbed area in the wetland to good or better condition with the following measures:

- Leaving trees felled during construction in the wetland to provide wildlife habitat
- Removing blackberry, reed canarygrass and other invasive species from the work area
- Returning native topsoils excavated from the work area to the disturbed site at existing grade
- Planting native vegetation appropriate for the site in the work area

Street Restoration

March – April 2007

King County will restore surface streets to as good or better condition than before the sewer pipe failed by:

- Overlaying the pavement on SE 24th Street between 81st Avenue SE and 84th Avenue SE
- Backfilling to stabilize damaged areas along 84th Avenue SE and restoring the street surface between 24th Street and the work area just south of SE 26th Street
- Repairing the south Luther Burbank overflow parking lot entrance
- Seal-coating and repainting the surface of the overflow parking lot
- Restoring the ditch and curb on the west side of North Mercer Way just south of SE 26th Street

King County will also replace trees in the right-of-way on North Mercer Way just south of SE 26th Street.

King County is committed to being a good neighbor during construction. We encourage project neighbors to contact us with questions and concerns about this project. Contact Monica Van der Vieren at 206-263-7301 during weekdays, or call the 24-hour project hotline at 206-205-9196.

Learn more about how King County's Wastewater Treatment Division protects public health and the environment at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd> .

Alternative Formats Available
206-263-7301 or 711 (TTY Relay)